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# Teaching Veterans Day

*Free materials available  
from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

(FRANKFORT, KY Sept. 8, 2008) Teaching students about the meaning and observance of Veterans Day is easier than ever, thanks to teaching guides and student materials available online.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers a variety of ideas and materials under “Resources” at <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/index.asp>, and specific materials for teachers and students at <http://www.va.gov/kids/>.

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs encourages teachers to invite local veterans to speak to students about Veterans Day. Local Veterans Service Organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and AMVETS can suggest speakers, and can be found in the phone book. Teachers may also request a speaker from KDVA by going to <http://veterans.ky.gov> and clicking on “Request a Speaker.”

Veterans Day 2008, as in all years, is November 11. Formal recognition ceremonies, such as those at Kentucky’s three State Veterans Cemeteries in Hopkinsville, Radcliff and Williamstown, take place at precisely 11 a.m. local time.

Kentucky law requires all public schools to include as part of their curriculum the observance of Veterans Day. KRS 158.075 mandates that one entire class period be set aside to teach the meaning of Veterans Day to school assemblies, using a teacher working in close

conjunction with a veteran. This requirement must be fulfilled either on Veterans Day if the school schedule permits, or during one of the five school days preceding Veterans Day. Every school is encouraged to seek advice and assistance from the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.